

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 111
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sharlene Zierer on
being named John Hay Elementary School's
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sharlene Zierer of John Hay Elementary School is one such estimable
educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and
integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharlene Zierer has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for her
school, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, as stated by Director of Schools Dr. Dale Lynch, "To be recognized as
building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one
can receive"; and

WHEREAS, Sharlene Zierer, along with all school-wide Teachers of the Year, will be
considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories: pre-k through
grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then
be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Sharlene Zierer places great emphasis on education in her personal life as
well as her professional work, having earned an A.S. degree from Walters State Community
College, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, and a Master's degree
in curriculum and instruction from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a special education teacher at
John Hay for twelve years and as a teacher for a meritorious twenty-two years overall; and

WHEREAS, Sharlene Zierer is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, and a gifted trainer of future teachers, she has supervised student teachers from Carson-Newman College and has acted as a mentor for new teachers in special education; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of the National, Tennessee, and Hamblen County Education Associations, the Advisory Team Committee in the Special Education Department, the School Improvement Committee, and was a presenter for the Special Education Inservice program on Writing IEPs; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional has served with distinction as lead resource teacher both at John Hay and West Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, her extensive professional development portfolio includes Tennessee Association of Administrators of Special Education Legal Conference, Improving Test Scores, Dynamo Training, Four Blocks Training, AIMS Math Workshop, and 6-Trait Writing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharlene Zierer is an active and invaluable member of her community and her profession; she has shared her time and talents by participating in activities with Alpha Delta Gamma, ARC, Lakeway Reading Council, CEASE, Habitat for Humanity, MATS, and United Way; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sharlene Zierer truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sharlene Zierer on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for John Hay Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the

youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.